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ing eight new species of Eocene fossils, reported in favor of its publication in the Journal.

The following resolution, offered by Dr. Bridges, was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the resolution, passed June 29th, 1847, allowing the Publication Committee to supply subscribers to the Journal with the Proceedings gratis, be rescinded.

On motion of Mr. Vaux, it was

*Resolved*, That the Publication Committee be authorized to present Vol. 1, New Series, of the Journal, to the Royal Historical and Geographical Society of Rio Janeiro.

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#### ELECTION.

Francis N. Buck, Esq., of Philadelphia, was elected a *Member*; and the Chevalier Manoel Ferreira Lagos, of Rio Janeiro, was elected a *Correspondent* of the Academy.

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*February 5th.*

Dr. MORTON, President in the Chair.

Letters were read:

From the Secretary of the Linnean Society, of London, acknowledging the receipt of Part 3, Vol. 1, New Series of the Journal.

From the Principal Librarian of the British Museum, returning acknowledgments for Nos. 9 and 10, Vol. 4, of the Proceedings.

From the Corresponding Secretary of the National Institute at Washington, acknowledging the receipt of Nos. 9, 10, and 11, Vol. 4, of Proceedings.

Dr. Morton, in confirmation of some remarks made on several previous occasions, on the characteristic conformation of the Egyptian cranium, exhibited several skulls from his collection, taken from tombs dating upwards of 3000 years before the Christian Era. These skulls showed a remarkable delicacy of structure of the whole cranio-facial region; the cranium being of an elongated oval form, the facial angle averaging 78°, and the internal capacity 80 cubic inches; in the last respect corresponding to the modern Fellah of the Nile.

The expression of the bones of the face of the ancient Egyptian is neither European nor Asiatic, but peculiar, *sui generis*. The Arab-Egyptian, or Fellah of the present day, is the Arab engrafted on the Ancient Egyptian, and dates from the sixth century of our Era. All the Coptic heads of the present period have some negro characters: they are those of the population of the towns which are notoriously licentious. The Fellahs, or rural population, are free from this taint.